

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 20, 1896.—Ordered to be printed.

MR. VILAS, from the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 1436.]

The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1436) to quiet title to lands in persons who purchased the same in good faith without notice and for a valuable consideration, and to enable the Government to issue patents on such lands, and that commutations of homestead entries shall take effect from date of settlement, and not from date of entry, have considered the same, and recommend that it be amended as follows, to wit:

Insert, after the word "proofs," in line 12, the following:

and that no other reason why the title should not vest in the entryman exists except that the commutation was made less than fourteen months from the date of the homestead settlement, and that there was at least six months' actual residence in good faith by the homestead entryman on the land prior to such commutation.

Insert after the word "heirs," in line 13, the word "and."

Strike out of line 14 the words "assigns, grantees, mortgagees," and insert instead thereof the words "as of the date of such final certificate of entry."

Insert, at the end of line 14, after the word "thereon," the words:

and the title so patented shall inure to the benefit of any grantee or transferee in good faith of such entryman subsequent to the date of such final certificate.

Amend the title so as to read:

An act relating to commutation of homestead entries, and to confirm such entries where commutation proofs were received by local land officers prematurely.